| States | Unmanned railway crossings |
|---|---|
| Rajasthan | 2115 |
| Tamil Nadu | 1305 |
| Tripura | 19 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 3138 |
| West Bengal | 1491 |
| Chandigarh | 1 |
| Pondicherry | 9 |
| Goa | 2 |
| Nagaland | 1 |

**Completion of Gadwal-Raichur rail line**

431. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked this year for completion of Gadwal-Raichur rail line under South Central Railway; and

(b) by when the project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) An amount of Rs. 1 cr. has been allocated during 2002-03 for Gadwal-Raichur new BG line.

(b) No target date has yet been fixed for completion of the project.

**Investigation of rail accident of Rajdhani Express**

432. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether preliminary investigations into the cause of Howrah-Delhi Rajdhani Express train accident near Aurangabad, Bihar, in September, 2002 have been completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of passengers killed or injured and the property damaged, as a result of the accident;

(d) whether the relief and rescue operations were not conducted prcperly, resulting in more casualties; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to avoid such accident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle, in his Final Report, has concluded that the accident occurred due to "opening of fish plates and elastic rail clips of accident falls under the category of "Sabotage".

(c) 107 passengers lost their lives including, 22 Railway staff, 60 suffered grievous injury and 105 suffered simple injuries. The cost of railway property damanged has been assessed as Rs. 9,42,18,000.

(d) No, Sir. Best possible medical and allied care was provided to affected passengers.

(e) Does not arise.

**Fish Plates causing accidents**

433. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in Times of India dated 3rd October, 2002 under the caption "Rail Safety report gathering dust";

(b) if so, whether the second volume of the Justice Khanna Railways Safety Review Committee report submitted in 2001, which provides a long term perspective on safe rail travel has not been accepted by the Railways:

(c) what is holding up implementation of these recommendations;

(d) whether two rail accidents, one in May and another in September, 2002, occurred due to missing of fish-plates;

(e) if so, whether the Ministry constituted five member high-level committee to go into the rail accident of Rajdhani Express; and